Permission to trading institutions for Agriculture sector

†182. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to major Indian and foreign trading companies to function in various sectors related to agriculture;

(b) if so, the total number of such Indian as well as foreign companies which are functioning in the agriculture related sectors; and

(c) the amount of domestic and foreign capital investment made by the each such company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid onthe Table of the House.

Welfare of vegetable/fruit growers in Himachal Pradesh

183. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for the welfare of vegetable/ fruit growers in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated, district-wise, during 2001-2002; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture—Supplementation/Complementation of state's Efforts through Work Plans. Under this Scheme the State Governments have the option to prioritize their programmes as per their needs and requirement. During the year 2001-02, an outlay of Rs. 18.00 crores have been allocated for Himachal Pradesh. However, District-wise allocations are made by the State Government. The Work Plan for Himachal Pradesh envisages activities like supply of hybrid vegetable seeds, bio-fertilizers, micro nutrients, plant protection equipment, dissemination of technology through block demonstration, workshops,

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training and exposure visits for the benefit of vegetable growers. Similarly, the fruit growers can avail the benefits of the Scheme by way of getting good quality planting material of fruit crops through nurseries, assistance for area expansion, training on latest technologies and quality testing of corrugated cartons, market information about fruits at District headquarters. Besides, the vegetable/fruit growers can also avail the following programmes of National Horticulture Board, which is being implemented throughout the country including Himachal Pradesh:—

(1) Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and past harvest Management.

(2) Capital Investment subsidy for construction/Modrnization/Expansion of cold storage and storages for Herticulture produce

(3) Establishment of Nutritional Garden, and

(4) Market Information Services for Herticulture Crops.

Fishing Harbour Facilities at ports

184. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned for fishing harbour facilities at major and minor ports since 1998-99, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has requested to consider its proposal under the scheme; and

(c) if so, whether Government have approved the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) A statement is annexed (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Based on the proposals submitted by the Government of Karnataka, 9 minor fishing harbours and 13 fish landing centres have been approved by Government of India under the scheme for construction along the coast of the state as per the details below:—

Fishing Harbours

Completed		Under Construction	
1. Karwar	2. Honnavar	1. Malpe-II	2. Mangalore Stage-II
3. Tadri	4. Mangalore	3. Karwar Stage-II	4. Gangolli
5. Malpe Stage-I			